



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 19, 2002

### **H.R. 3924** **Freedom to Telecommute Act of 2002**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Government Reform  
on March 14, 2002*

H.R. 3924 would permit employees of federal contractors to telecommute, and would require the General Accounting Office (GAO) to submit to Congress a report evaluating the effectiveness of this policy. Currently, there are no specific regulations that govern telecommuting by federal contractors. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3924 would not have a significant impact on the federal budget because there is no evidence that allowing telecommuting would significantly change the costs of federal contracts. We expect the GAO report would cost less than \$500,000, assuming the availability of appropriated funds.

H.R. 3924 would not affect direct spending or receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The bill contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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